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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

All claims stand rejected based on anticipation or obviousness, based on Balakrishnan in view of Stanford. In response, each of the independent claims are amended to include some of the limitations which were defined by original claims 6 and 7 and are described on page 10 of the specification. Specifically, according to the present system, different applications are recognized, and the input loads a grammar that is tailored to the recognized application. This enables speech input to be more accurately recognized by the speech engine, see the next to last paragraph on page 10.

This compares with Balakrishnan who does not in fact follow this model. Rather, Balakrishnan teaches that a first vocabulary and second vocabulary is used, but each of the first and second vocabulary are loaded into a general vocabulary, see generally column 4, lines 18-37 which explains that the different vocabularies are each searched. In contrast, each of the present claims defines that a grammar which is tailored to the specific application that has been automatically determined, is loaded. Therefore, this system completely patentably

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distinguishes over the cited prior art, and these amendments hence obviate the rejections thereto.

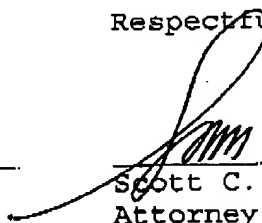
New claims 31-33 are also added, directed to another specific aspect of the invention which is in no way taught or suggested by the cited prior art. Specifically, one of the aspects of this invention is the ability to use a wildcard phrase which is filled in based on information from the recognized application. None of the cited prior art in any way teaches or suggests the use of such a wildcard in this context.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, therefore, all of the claims are in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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